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The Examiner rejected previous claims 49-52, 54-56, 58-63, 65-67, and 69-71 under 35 U.S.C. §102 with a new reference – namely Hohensee.

Amended claim 49 distinguishes over Hohensee at least for the following reasons.

First, claim 49 recites a control file defining finishing commands and in further paragraphs of this same claim recites the creation and usage of such a control file defining finishing commands, and wherein the data stream is enhanced with the finishing commands. For this feature, the Examiner cites Hohensee column 6, lines 8-16 and column 7, line 63 to column 8, line 5. However, here Hohensee just discloses the formdef file, its structure and its effects. This is clearly different than the language of claim 49 since the formdef corresponds to the input format file in the first paragraph of claim 49. And in claim 49 the input format file and the control file are clearly different from each other (see preamble of claim 49 reciting the input format file and the first step of claim 49 reciting generation of a control file). The Examiner agrees with this in his analysis at page 3, lines 5-6 of the Office Action since the input format file is the formdef file.

Claim 49 further distinguishes at least by reciting that the input format file is an advanced function presentation (AFP) format definition resource file (formdef) and that the output format file is an advanced function presentation (AFP) format definition resource file (formdef). This is not the case in Hohensee.

Claim 49 further distinguishes by reciting that the output AFP formdef file comprises modified medium maps. This feature is also not present in Hohensee.

Claim 49 next distinguishes by reciting that the input AFP formdef file is automatically converted to the output AFP formdef file by use of the control file and the input document data file. This is also not present in Hohensee.

Claim 49 next distinguishes by reciting that the control file is generated by analyzing the data structure of the input document data file and mapping the data structure into the control file. This feature is also not present in Hohensee.

Finally, claim 49 distinguishes at least by reciting that the data processing computer comprises a first computer program module providing a graphical user interface by which a user specifies said levels within the data stream and also by use of the graphical user interface the user also associates the finishing commands with the levels. This feature is also not present in Hohensee.

Dependent claims 50-52 and 55-58 are allowable at least for the reasons claim 49 is allowable and also by reciting additional features not suggested by the Examiner.

Computer-readable medium claim 59 distinguishes at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 49.
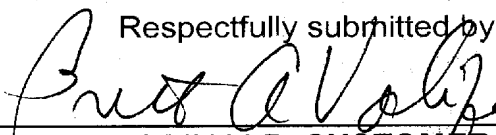
System claim 60 distinguishes at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 49.

Dependent system claims 61-63 and 66-69 distinguish at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 60 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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